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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1310

DATE PREPARED: Feb 27, 2001

BILL AMENDED: Feb 26, 2001

SUBJECT: Special Relief.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides, for the purposes of the law on compensation for victims of crime, that if: (1) at least two claimants suffer injuries or damages based on the same violent crime; (2) the injuries and damages suffered and the rationale for awarding money to the claimants are substantially similar for all claimants; and (3) at least one of the claimants receives a greater award than any of the other claimants; all of the claimants are entitled to receive an amount of money that is equal to the highest award received by any of the claimants.

Effective Date: (Amended) September 10, 1999 (Retroactive)

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill amends the Indiana Code concerning violent crime victims compensation to provide that two or more victims who suffer similar injuries and damages receive an amount of money that is equal to the highest award received by any of the claimants. The maximum amount of an award to an individual claimant is \$15,000. Compensation is provided through the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund.

The Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund is administered by the Victims Services Division of the Criminal Justice Institute. The Fund was established as a dedicated fund to provide compensation to victims or on behalf of victims who were injured or killed as a result of a violent crime. Funds are deposited from restitution orders issued by the court (IC-35-50-5-3), transfer of funds by the state auditor, and appropriations from the General Assembly. Money in the Violent Crime Victims Compensation Fund does not revert to the state General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

The current balance in the Fund is \$470,529. Of this amount, \$306,235 represent federal funds and \$164,294 represent state funds. It is not anticipated that any of the state funds will be carried into the 2001-2003 biennium. New federal funds are anticipated, but a specific amount cannot be determined at this time.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Criminal Justice Institute, Victim Services Division.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Catherine O'Connor, Executive Director; Criminal Justice Institute.